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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EAGR, OVIP, BU, US  
SUBJECT: PROPOSED TSANOV VISIT AND JOINT STATEMENT ON AGRICULTURAL  
TRADE

1. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER LUKANOV HAS INFORMALLY ADVISED THE AMBASSADOR THAT TSANOV'S VISIT COULD PROBABLY NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL LATE AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER. LUKANOV NOTED THE SUBSTANTIAL PROBLEMS BULGARIA HAS BEEN HAVING RECENTLY IN THE AGRICULTURAL FIELD. HE REGRETTED THAT THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE HAD BEEN SO DILATORY IN RESPONDING TO US BOTH WITH RESPECT TO THE DRAFT JOINT STATEMENT AND THE TSANOV VISIT.

2. LUKANOV ALSO STATED THAT THEY DID HAVE "SOME PROBLEMS" WITH OUR DRAFT JOINT STATEMENT. THE AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED THAT WAS ALL THE MORE REASON TO GIVE US THEIR REACTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. LUKANOV AGREED, AND SAID HE WOULD ASK THE MINISTRY TO DO SO. HE NOTED ISHPEKOV WAS AT PRESENT NO IN SOFIA.

3. LUKANOV ALSO MENTIONED THAT IN ADDITION TO INCREASING  
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BILATERAL CONTACT AND AGRICULTURAL TRADE, THERE WERE AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST IN AGRICULTURAL MATTERS OF GLOBAL INTEREST ON WHICH WE COULD USEFULLY CONSULT.

4. LUKANOV ALSO MENTIONED THAT HE HOPED THAT MINISTER OF MACHINEBUILDING (TONCHO) CHAKUROV COULD VISIT THE US ON A "BUSINESS," NOT "PROTOCOL," VISIT PERHAPS IN OCTOBER.

5. PLEASE ADVISE USDA ON LIKELIHOOD THAT TSANOV  
VISIT COULD NOT TAKE PLACE BEFORE LATE AUGUST OR EARLY  
SEPTEMBER AND PLEASE ADVISE US OF FEASIBLE DATES IN THAT  
TIMEFRAME, IF NEGOTIATION OF A JOINT STATEMENT MAKES  
POSSIBLE A SIGNATURE AT THAT TIME.  
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